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LORD HUGH CECIL AT GREENWICH.



Lord Hugh Cecil talking to his sister, Lady Gwendolin Cecil, at Greenwich yesterday. Inset is a portrait of Mr. J. H. Benn and his wife.

MRS. HORNER IN NORTH LAMBETH.



On the day of polling the schoolchildren in each district have a holiday. In North Lambeth a number followed Mrs. Horner's carriage as she drove through the constituency. Inset is a portrait of Mrs. Horner.

LADY WARWICK AT WEST HAM.



In support of Mr. Will Thorne the Countess of Warwick spoke at West Ham from a wagon. She addressed her workmen audience as "Dear comrades." Inset is a portrait of Mr. Will Thorne.

MR. T. GIBSON BOWLES AT KING'S LYNN.



As a candid friend and an outspoken critic of both his own Party and the Opposition, Mr. T. Gibson Bowles has established himself as a prominent feature in parliamentary life.

33 MORE LIBERAL GAINS.

Amazing Results of the Third Day of Polling.

MR. G. BALFOUR OUT.

Lord Hugh Cecil Loses His Seat at Greenwich.

LONDON LIBERAL WINS.

Mr. Horner Polls Only 108 in North Lambeth.

THE POSITION AT A GLANCE.

Number of Members	670
Already Elected	199
Still to Poll	521
Liberals Elected	82
Nationalists Elected	18
Labour Members Elected	17
Unionists Elected	32
Present Liberal and Allies Majority	85
Liberal and Allies' Gains	56

Yesterday was another triumphant day for the Government at the polls. As on Saturday, seat after seat was wrested from the Unionists. The striking feature of many of these successes was the amazingly large majorities by which they were gained.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, late Secretary to the Board of Trade, at Leeds (Central) shared the same fate as his brother at East Manchester, and was defeated by over 1,000 votes.

Another sensation was the defeat, by a large majority, at Bristol of Mr. Walter Long, who was Secretary for Ireland in the Unionist Government. Another prominent Unionist in Lord Hugh Cecil was beaten at Greenwich. Mr. Arnold-Forster was able, however, in consequence of the Liberal split to retain his seat at Croydon.

Nowhere was the Liberal triumph more remarkable than in London. In all four divisions of St. Pancras there were Liberal gains. At Brixton and North Lambeth, also, striking Liberal victories were achieved. In the latter constituency Mr. Fred Horner, whose campaign has been so remarkable, was at the bottom of the poll with only 108 votes.

The Labour victories were no less sensational.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

ABERDEEN (NORTH).	
D. V. Pirie (L.)	4,848
T. Kennedy (Lab.)	1,934
A. M. Barrie (U.)	931
L. majority, 397.	NO CHANGE.
BATH (2).	
D. Maclean (L.)	4,102
G. P. Gooch (L.)	4,069
Lord Alec Thynne (U.)	3,123
Colonel Wyndham (Lab.)	2,088
Joint L. majority, 1,922.	TWO LIBERAL GAINS.
BEDFORD.	
C. Barlow (L.)	2,771
F. M. (U.)	2,373
Lib. majority, 498.	LIBERAL GAIN.
BRISTOL (WEST).	
G. A. Gibbs (U.)	4,267
T. J. Lennard (L.)	3,902
U. majority, 365.	NO CHANGE.
BRISTOL (NORTH).	
A. Birrell, K.C. (L.)	6,553
J. A. Foster, K.C. (U.)	5,911
L. majority, 2,942.	LIBERAL GAIN.
BRISTOL (SOUTH).	
W. Howell Davies (L.)	7,064
Right Hon. W. H. Long (U.)	5,273
L. majority, 2,092.	LIBERAL GAIN.
BRISTOL (EAST).	
C. E. Hobhouse (L.)	7,935
T. B. Johnstone (U.)	5,729
L. majority, 4,806.	NO CHANGE.
BRIXTON.	
J. H. Seavers (L.)	4,521
D. Dalziel (U.)	4,235
L. majority, 286.	LIBERAL GAIN.
BURY ST. EDMUNDS.	
Captain F. W. F. Hervey (U.)	1,481
B. V. Yates (L.)	1,047
U. majority, 434.	NO CHANGE.
CAMBRIDGE (BOROUGH).	
S. O. Buckmaster (L.)	4,233
Almeric Page (U.)	3,924
L. majority, 392.	LIBERAL GAIN.
CHATHAM.	
J. Jenkins (Lab.)	6,092
Major J. E. Jameson (U.)	4,029
Lab. majority, 2,073.	LABOUR GAIN.
CROYDON.	
H. O. Arnold-Forster (U.)	8,312
S. Somers (L.)	7,933
S. Stranks (Lab.)	4,671
U. majority, 719.	NO CHANGE.
DUDLEY.	
A. G. Hooper (L.)	8,206
G. H. Claughton (U.)	7,543
L. majority, 720.	LIBERAL GAIN.
GLOUCESTER CITY.	
Russell Rea (L.)	3,921
H. H. K.C. (U.)	3,619
L. majority, 302.	NO CHANGE.
GREAT GRIMSBY.	
Doughty (U.)	6,349
Haldenstone (L.)	4,440
Proctor (Lab.)	2,218
U. majority, 2,300.	NO CHANGE.
GREENWICH.	
R. S. Jackson (L.)	1,906
H. H. Burt (U.)	3,565
Lord Hugh Cecil (E.T.U.)	2,336
L. majority, 341.	LIBERAL GAIN.
HAGGERSTON.	
W. R. Cremer (L.)	2,772
R. Guinness (U.)	2,538
Lib. majority, 401.	NO CHANGE.
HASTINGS.	
H. du Cros (U.)	4,348
Major F. F. Thomas (L.)	3,905
U. majority, 413.	UNIONIST GAIN.
HEREFORD CITY.	
S. J. Arkwright (U.)	1,934
Colonel R. S. Scudamore (L.)	1,692
U. majority, 242.	NO CHANGE.
HOXTON.	
Claude Hay (U.)	3,489
Ward (L.)	2,733
U. majority, 736.	NO CHANGE.
HUDDERSFIELD.	
Sir J. T. Woodhouse (L.)	6,302
T. R. Williams (Lab.)	5,813
J. Foster Fraser (U.)	4,391
L. majority, 1,911.	NO CHANGE.
ISLINGTON (EAST).	
G. H. Radford (L.)	4,477
B. L. Cohen (U.)	3,710
L. majority, 767.	LIBERAL GAIN.
ISLINGTON (WEST).	
T. Lough (L.)	4,016
F. H. Medhurst (U.)	3,618
L. majority, 398.	NO CHANGE.
ISLINGTON (SOUTH).	
T. Wiles (L.)	3,606
W. Hunt Rallie (F.T.U.)	3,491
W. B. Parker (Lab.)	870
L. majority, 1,015.	LIBERAL GAIN.
ISLINGTON (NORTH).	
Sir C. G. T. Bartley (U.)	5,284
S. Vatcher (L.)	4,418
U. majority, 866.	NO CHANGE.
KENNINGTON.	
S. Collins (L.)	4,639
Sir P. Cook (U.)	3,654
L. majority, 1,585.	LIBERAL GAIN.
KING'S LYNN.	
C. Bellairs (L.)	1,506
T. Gibson Bowles (U.)	1,164
A. Burgoyne (U.)	777
L. majority, 329.	LIBERAL GAIN.
LAMBETH (NORTH).	
H. Myer (L.)	2,162
Major H. Gastrell (U.)	1,994
D. Naoroli (L.)	733
F. Horner (U.)	493
L. majority, 369.	LIBERAL GAIN.
LEEDS (SOUTH).	
J. L. Watson, K.C. (L.)	6,020
A. Fox (Lab.)	4,639
Sir H. F. Lucy (U.)	2,136
L. majority, 4,494.	NO CHANGE.
LEEDS (CENTRAL).	
R. Armitage (L.)	4,188
G. Balfour (U.)	3,199
L. majority, 919.	LIBERAL GAIN.
LEEDS (WEST).	
H. J. Gladstone (L.)	9,258
S. Samuel (U.)	8,000
L. majority, 4,088.	NO CHANGE.
LEEDS (EAST).	
H. O'Grady (Lab.)	2,399
J. S. Cauley (U.)	2,208
Lab. majority, 91.	LABOUR GAIN.
LEEDS (NORTH).	
R. H. Barran (L.)	9,352
J. D. Bichell (U.)	4,168
L. majority, 2,444.	NO CHANGE.
LEICESTER (2).	
H. Broadhurst (L.)	17,435
J. Macdonald (Lab.)	14,745
Sir J. F. L. Rolleston (U.)	7,504
L. majority, 7,241.	LIBERAL GAIN.
LINCOLN CITY.	
C. H. Roberts (L.)	5,110
C. H. Seely (U.)	3,718
L. majority, 1,392.	LIBERAL GAIN.
MARLBOROUGH (EAST).	
Lord Roberts (U.)	2,837
A. L. Langdon (L.)	2,167
U. majority, 680.	NO CHANGE.
MARLBOROUGH (WEST).	
Sir S. Scott (U.)	3,446
Sir H. Johnston (L.)	2,791
U. majority, 655.	NO CHANGE.
NORTHAMPTON.	
H. Paul (L.)	4,472
Dr. J. G. Shipman (L.)	4,058
R. P. Orlebar (U.)	4,061
F. G. Barnes (U.)	3,987
J. Williams (Lab.)	2,537
J. Gifford (U.)	2,461
L. majority, 560.	NO CHANGE.
OLDHAM (2).	
A. Emmott (L.)	17,397
I. A. Bright (L.)	16,672
E. Hartley (U.)	11,391
R. P. Crisp (U.)	1,163
L. majority, 5,986 and 5,683.	NO CHANGE.
PAISLEY.	
J. McCallum (L.)	5,694
J. A. D. McKean (U.)	2,694
R. Smilie (Lab.)	2,482
L. majority, 3,070.	NO CHANGE.
PENRYN AND FALMOUTH.	
J. Barker (L.)	1,345
D. E. Hall (U.)	1,344
L. majority, 67.	NO CHANGE.
PETERBOROUGH.	
G. Greenwood (L.)	3,326
Sir R. Purvis (U.)	2,167
Lab. majority, 1,159.	LABOUR GAIN.
PRESTON (2).	
J. P. Macpherson (L.)	10,181
H. Cox (L.)	8,838
J. K. (U.)	8,303
Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson (U.)	6,856
Joint L. majority, 4,560.	TWO LIBERAL GAINS.
ROCHESTER.	
E. H. Lamb (L.)	2,967
C. Tuff (U.)	2,374
L. majority, 693.	LIBERAL GAIN.
SHEFFIELD (CENTRAL).	
Sir Howard Vincent (U.)	4,217
S. Udall (L.)	3,290
U. majority, 927.	NO CHANGE.
SHEFFIELD (HALLAM).	
C. B. Stuart Worley (U.)	5,516
A. Grant (L.)	5,463
U. majority, 57.	NO CHANGE.
SHEFFIELD (ATTERCLIFFE).	
J. B. Langley (L.)	6,523
A. M. Wilson (U.)	5,736
L. majority, 787.	NO CHANGE.
SHEFFIELD (ECCLESALL).	
S. Roberts (U.)	5,856
R. C. Lambert (L.)	5,392
U. majority, 464.	NO CHANGE.
SHEFFIELD (ATTERCLIFFE).	
J. B. Langley (L.)	6,523
A. M. Wilson (U.)	5,736
L. majority, 787.	NO CHANGE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS IN BRIEF.

MR. BALFOUR'S NEXT SEAT.

What Place Will Be Honoured by the Ex-Premier?

A VIGOROUS SEARCH.

No seat has yet been found for Mr. Balfour. Negotiations were in progress yesterday, but so far no one has stepped aside to give Mr. Balfour a chance of entering Parliament without the fatigues of another contest.

Yesterday all the Unionist members who had been elected or returned unopposed up to Saturday night were asked by the *Daily Mirror* if they would be willing to give up their strongholds for Mr. Balfour, but for one reason or another they could not see their way to this act of self-immolation.

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P. for Gravesend, no doubt crystallised this feeling in his reply: "I fear not. My constituents wish to retain their present member."

No better success attended official efforts. "Negotiations made to-day have fallen through," said Mr. C. G. Hennings, the secretary of the Central Conservative Office, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "and it is not possible, therefore, to make any official statement to-night."

"Mr. Balfour will be found a seat. That is all I can tell you."

"It is under discussion at this very moment, and directly a decision is arrived at it will be made public without delay: No, up to the present I cannot say whether it will be a town or country constituency."

WHO WILL RETIRE?

Although the rumour that Mr. Hambro, the Conservative candidate for Wimbledon, purposed retiring in favour of Mr. Balfour was still very persistent yesterday, Mr. Hambro himself wired to the *Daily Mirror* that the rumour was inaccurate. Mr. Hambro's agent declared that the rumour was a Liberal move to engender lack of confidence in the Conservative candidate.

Mr. Hambro is determined to proceed to the contest. If he secures a large majority there, says the Exchange Telegraph Company, a probability of his retiring and giving Mr. Balfour an opportunity of securing the seat.

In a leader yesterday the "Times" characterised the ex-Premier's defeat as "the most dramatic incident of the contest," and went on to say that even his opponents would admit that Mr. Balfour "is one of the men who become indissolubly connected with the House of Commons in the minds of their contemporaries, and for whose unique position in that House it would almost seem fitting to make permanent provision irrespective of party." Our Constitution, however, though elastic in many respects, offers no means of creating a distinguished servant of the country from the ordinary accidents affecting the least distinguished member of a party.

SOUTHAMPTON (2).

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Phillips (L.) ... 7,602
W. D. Ward (L.) ... 6,555
T. E. Chamberlain (U.) ... 5,754
J. Airt (U.) ... 5,535
H. Quetch (Lab.) ... 2,146

Joint L. majority, 1,909. TWO LIBERAL GAINS.

ST. GEORGE'S, HANOVER-SQUARE.

Colonel H. Legge (U.) ... 4,264
M. C. Mallet (L.) ... 2,991

U. majority, 1,973. NO CHANGE.

ST. PANCRAS (EAST).

H. C. Lea (L.) ... 4,301
Sir Thomas Wrighton (U.) ... 2,389

L. majority, 1,875. LIBERAL GAIN.

ST. PANCRAS (SOUTH).

P. Wilson (L.) ... 2,169
Captain J. J. J. (U.) ... 2,169

L. majority, 67. LIBERAL GAIN.

ST. PANCRAS (NORTH).

W. H. Dickinson (L.) ... 4,117
E. R. P. Moon (U.) ... 2,635

L. majority, 1,482. LIBERAL GAIN.

ST. PANCRAS (WEST).

Sir W. Collins (L.) ... 3,520
H. R. Graham (U.) ... 2,575

L. majority, 945. LIBERAL GAIN.

WEST HAM (NORTH).

F. C. G. Masterman (L.) ... 6,338
E. Gray (U.) ... 5,094

L. majority, 1,744. LIBERAL GAIN.

WOLVERHAMPTON (EAST).

Sir Henry Fowler (L.) ... 5,010
L. S. Amery (U.) ... 2,745

L. majority, 225. NO CHANGE.

WOLVERHAMPTON (SOUTH).

H. Norman (L.) ... 4,833
Major H. Villiers (U.) ... 2,745

L. majority, 688. NO CHANGE.

WOLVERHAMPTON (WEST).

T. F. Richards (Lab.) ... 5,756
Sir A. Hickman (U.) ... 5,688

Lab. majority, 168. LABOUR GAIN.

THE QUEEN'S FUND MISMANAGED.

Organised Municipal Protest Against Extraordinary Dilatoriness.

An organised protest is to be made against the dilatory manner in which the Queen's Unemployed Fund is being administered.

The members of the Battersea Borough Council, who are taking the lead in the matter, have already forwarded a petition to the Queen, expressing dissatisfaction at the manner in which the fund is being administered, and they are now inviting all the metropolitan councils to appoint three delegates each to attend a conference, at which the urgency of the matter will be impressed upon the committee responsible for the administration of the fund.

Although it was estimated so long ago as December 12 that £62,912 was to be allotted to the various local authorities of London, we are informed that not one penny has yet been spent except upon office furniture and clerks' salaries.

Battersea's case is a fair sample of the manner in which official muddling is allowed to let the unemployed starve.

Only Seven Relieved.

"Although we have between 2,000 and 3,000 unemployed workmen in our borough, only seven have been relieved," said a Battersea official yesterday. "Those men were sent to the Hollesley Bay Farm Colony, where the greatest discontent prevails, because of the insufficiency of the food and the primitiveness of the washing arrangements."

Battersea, in common with the other boroughs, was invited to send in estimates of the work upon which it intended to start its unemployed, but found that a grant of £800 from the fund would entail an expenditure of £7,200 from the borough finances, and also that the conditions which the Central Committee made a sine qua non of the grant were such as it could not possibly accept. "At our last council meeting," added the official already quoted, "several of the Labour members expressed the opinion that if the *Daily Mirror* had organised the fund all the hands would have been working weeks ago. "As it is the unemployed can starve."

APPEAL TO THE QUEEN.

At a meeting of the Battersea unemployed yesterday it was resolved to send a telegram to the Queen thanking her for her gracious interest in the raising of the fund, and praying her to bring about a speedy and definite decision with regard to the apportionment of the money.

LAWYERS NOT ISHMAELS.

Judge Grantham Protests Against "Tarring Every Solicitor with the Same Brush."

It was due to a strong summing-up by Mr. Justice Grantham at the Old Bailey yesterday that Harry Scott, solicitor, lately practising at King William-street, was acquitted of a charge of converting to his own use large sums entrusted to him, including £1,000 received as the London agent of the Southend town clerk.

The singular part of the case was that the person from whom he was said to have received the money would not prosecute.

The Judge said the case had been presented to the jury as that of an impecunious solicitor who, for his own evil purposes, had been getting money from his clients and paying it into his own overdrawn banking account.

On looking into the case, however, it was found that though the account might have been overdrawn at times, yet at the half-year there was always a balance to the good.

Further, the overdrafts were always guaranteed. Directly this was ascertained, away went the whole basis on which this case had been built up. The prisoner, because he was unfortunate in his business transactions, ought not to be hounded down as a criminal.

At the present time almost everybody's hand was against solicitors, because undoubtedly a good many members of the profession had been guilty of fraud, and therefore it was all the more important that they should guard against tarring every solicitor with the same brush.

RUSSIAN ARMY HELD UP.

ST. PETERSBURG, Monday.—General Linievich telegraphs that he has been compelled to stop the transport of troops from Manchuria owing to the disorders on the Siberian Railway.—Exchange.

SWEDEN'S DEMOCRATIC PROGRAMME.

STOCKHOLM, Monday.—At the opening of the Riksdag Bills were announced dealing with franchise extension, mediation in labour disputes, old-age insurance, and increased wages for school teachers.

Among the items of expenditure mentioned in the Budget is £55,553 to cover expenses in connection with the separation from Norway.—Reuter.

LABOUR PARTY'S AIMS IN PARLIAMENT.

Will Own No Allegiance to the Liberals, but Will Resolutely Initiate Legislation on an Independent Programme.

The new Labour Party intend to be a force in the next Parliament.

No fealty will be paid to the Radicals because the Labour Party regard both Liberals and Tories as capitalists. They will, therefore, pursue a perfectly independent course of action as a separate political body with a definite programme set before them. There is a probability, however, that they will join hands with the Irish Nationalist members, but will own allegiance to no Caucus other than their own.

Definite in their aims, they will set themselves resolutely to the task of initiating legislation which shall secure:—

State aid for the unemployed.
Feeding of children in State schools.
Minimum wage for working-classes.
General limitation of hours of labour.

The constitution of the new Labour Party is interesting. It practically consists of men who have signed the constitution of the Labour Representation Committee, and among its shining lights are Mr. Keir Hardie, Mr. F. W. Jowett, M.P., Mr. Will Crooks, Dr. Stanton Coit, Mr. E. R. Pearce, and Mr. Philip Snowden.

Who shall be leader? This question has yet to be decided upon, and a parliamentary whip—or possibly two—will have to be appointed.

Of course, Mr. Keir Hardie is the titular chief of the Labour Party, but Mr. F. W. Jowett, who captured West Bradford from Sir Ernest Flower by 810 votes on Saturday, will probably run him close for the honour of leading the party in the House of Commons.

Wages of Members.

Mr. Jowett is a popular and interesting personality. He was born in the city which has just elected him, and worked in the mills there until he was twenty-eight years of age, afterwards rising to the position of manufacturer's manager. In 1892 he was elected to the Bradford City Council, and was made an alderman in 1895.

He now serves as chairman of the Public Health Committee, and has won West Bradford in the Labour interest at the second time of asking. It is only four years ago since he gave up his employment in the mills to devote his energies to public work, in which he has been singularly successful.

The Labour Representation Committee pay their members of Parliament £200 per annum, in addition to which local contributions are asked and obtained on behalf of the candidates' election expenses, and for the work of registration. The committee, of course, is composed of trade unionists and others of distinct Socialist proclivities.

Mr. John Burns, it may be interesting to add, has never acknowledged nor been acknowledged by the Labour Representation Committee. Mr. Burns belongs to a group of advanced Liberal-Labour members who, while not sacrificing in their own minds their Socialist principles, think they can best advance the cause of progress by working in conjunction with the Liberal Party.

MR. HORNER'S CAMPAIGN.

"I have ruined nearly twenty-five pairs of white gloves shaking hands with voters to-day," said Mrs. Fred Horner yesterday.

"I have been shaking hands ever since the poll opened."

At two o'clock Mr. Horner, seen by the *Daily Mirror*, said:—"I feel almost sure I shall get in. I have the Roman Catholic vote, and as many as twenty-five vehicles are at work taking men to the polls."

Mr. Horner was asked about his future intentions. "So long as I live North Lambeth will see me. I am determined to stay in the constituency. North Lambeth has been very good to me, and I shall return the compliment."

"We have been original," interposed Mrs. Horner. "My husband and myself are not afraid of anything."

OLD-TIME ELECTIONEERING.

Polling is going on pleasantly at Cambridge University. It commenced on Saturday, and concludes on Thursday, the candidates for the two seats being Sir John Gorst, Mr. J. F. P. Rawlinson, K.C., and Mr. S. H. Butcher.

The procedure is altogether different from that obtaining at an ordinary parliamentary election in borough or county. For instance, only M.A.'s may vote, B.A.'s and mere undergraduates not being allowed the privilege. These distinguished gentlemen need not go near Cambridge at all to vote; they may do so by proxy.

They may go before a justice of the peace, and, after being sworn, may register their votes and send them to the university town by train. For days, exclusive of Sunday, are allowed them for the purpose.

Furthermore, the voting takes place quite openly, and at the end of each day it is possible to see how

each candidate stands. It is also quite permissible for anyone to see exactly how each M.A. has cast his vote.

This method obtains at most universities, and is a survival of the olden-time "hustings."

At Cambridge Mr. Butcher and Mr. Rawlinson are favourites up to the present, as against Sir John Gorst.

The polls were opened yesterday for London University, and remain open until Friday. At Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities polling has provisionally been fixed to take place between February 1 and 5.

LORD HUGH'S FIRE ENGINES.

Fire engines were used by Lord Hugh Cecil in Greenwich yesterday to take voters to the polls. Besides a motor-engine, there were two drawn by horses, driven by uniformed firemen, and one motor-lorry, built to carry hose and ladders, which was large enough to accommodate forty or fifty men if necessary.

"No doubt these won some votes for Lord Hugh," said a political worker to the *Daily Mirror*, "for they were unique, and many live a lifetime without a chance to ride through the streets on such a car."

The fire engines were furnished by Mr. Merryweather.

It was the split in the Conservative ranks that caused Mr. Jackson, the Labour candidate, to poll such a large vote.

One effective bill was:—

THE UNEMPLOYED.
SCENES AT BOW-STREET.
60 MEN SENT TO PRISON.
For begging food for their wives and children.
After 60 years of Free Trade.
VOTE FOR TARPEE REFORM.
More employment and better wages.

CANDIDATES' PORTRAITS.

Candidates for election who distribute their portraits among electors find the results, says the "Globe," not very encouraging.

"Whether the natural nobility of their faces disappears in printing, or whether they have no nobility in their faces because it is all inside, we do not know, but we assure candidates that they would do far better to try to get into Parliament as politicians, not as professional beauties."

ELECTION ITEMS.

"A political argument is not disorderly conduct," declared Mr. de Grey at the South-Western Police Court yesterday.

Many sparrows may be seen flying about Hailsham, in Sussex, with little labels attached bearing the words "Vote for Sir Lindsay Hogg."

Dr. Rutherford Harris, Unionist candidate for Driffield, who is returning from Japan, cannot, after all, reach England until after the election.

Mr. Leonard Courtney told an Edinburgh audience that for the first time for many years he was separated from his wife. She was addressing the other meeting.

To prevent the gathering of a large crowd, and the possibility of disturbances, the results of polling in the Nottingham Divisions are to be declared at separate places, to which they will be telephoned.

"Is this a political meeting?" shouted one of a number of worshippers who rose and left the Conway-road Wesleyan Chapel, at Cardiff, as a protest against a sermon attacking the late Government.

While Mr. Pollock, K.C., Unionist candidate for the Spalding Division, was leaving a meeting in a motor-car yesterday, he was pelted with bricks and mud. Mrs. Pollock was struck by a soda-water bottle, but was not seriously hurt.

Whist Mr. Lloyd-George was in the midst of a peroration at Denbigh, a baby in charge of his nurse cried. "I am afraid," said Mr. Lloyd-George, "that somebody has put a tax on his food. All he wants is to be a free feeder; then he will be all right."

Many Scarborough ladies wore blue hats, and one had a blue silk skirt, trimmed with ivy leaves, with the inscription, "Vote for Rea!" printed in gold letters on them. The three little girls of Mr. Rea, the Liberal candidate, were dressed in coats of yellow cloth, with hats trimmed to match.

Yesterday an Islington dealer took advantage of the general election enthusiasm to display for sale an elm chip with an inscription on an affixed copper plate to the effect that it was from a tree felled by the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone, at Hawarden, in 1879. The curio soon found a purchaser.

Sir Charles Dilke, interviewed at Newnham, yesterday, said the winning side expected the Government to use their great majority by putting forward those sweeping reforms which the country expected. Radicals could not tolerate the control of the majority by free trade Unionists in the House of Lords.

M. LOUBET'S SUCCESSOR.

To-day's Election of the New President of French Republic.

All France will be in a condition of doubt and expectancy this morning, for to-morrow the election of the President of the Republic will take place.

As matters stand the chances of M. Clement Faillères, the President of the Senate, and M. Doumer, President of the Chamber of Deputies, stand out pre-eminently above those of other candidates. M. Faillères is a decided favourite. He is an able lawyer who was born in 1841, and has sat in the Chamber since 1876. He has held the post of Minister of the Interior, and was once Premier for the term of one month. Should the Republican Party vote solid he would be elected.

M. Doumer is a hot favourite in the provinces, although five to one is being freely risked against him on the Bourse and in the Chamber of Deputies. He is a self-made man, who has made his own fortune and won his position for himself. He was, on the 9th of the present month, re-elected President of the Chamber. His majority, however, was unexpectedly small and has lessened confidence in the prospect of his election to the Presidency of the Republic.

In the event of both M. Faillères and M. Doumer failing to obtain an absolute majority the chance of M. Leon Bourgeois, who at present ranks as third favourite, would become stronger. To-day it is a comparatively slender one. His youth—he is only forty-eight—is against him, though he has held several high positions and is known as a strong man.

As previous elections have shown, notably in the case of M. Carnot, there is always a possibility of some great surprise occurring, and it is on the cards that some "dark" candidate whose name has so far scarcely been mentioned may be elected.

FLYING MACHINE FOR FRENCH ARMY.

Invention Said To Be the Most Marvellous the World Has Ever Seen.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday.—Messrs. Wright Bros., of Dayton, Ohio, inventors of a new flying-machine, assert that they are trying to sell their invention to a French syndicate for £40,000.

A representative of the French syndicate is stated to be Mr. Arnold Fordey, and it is said that the first new aerial machine is intended for the use of the French army, the Government being interested in the deal.

Mr. Arnold Fordey, who arrived in Paris yesterday, said: "I am bound not to speak of the subject at all, but I will say this much: I am astounded with what I have just seen. It is the most marvellous invention the world has ever seen. Several French aeronauts have suspended investigation into the problem of aerial navigation, pending the revelation of Messrs. Wright's discovery."

PACIFIC GERMANY.

New Word Invented To Express Teutonic Good Will to Great Britain.

There can be no further doubt that Germany and Great Britain are on a fair way to a friendly understanding. In proof of this, the German Press has invented a new word to express its extreme cordiality towards Great Britain.

It is a good word—short, concise, and expressive. Such a word as Mark Twain loves. Say it slowly: "Aanaaheerungsbebreubungen."

This word took the chair at two meetings held in Germany on Sunday. One was a dinner given by the Ladies' Lyceum Club of Berlin to Sir Frank Lascelles, the British Ambassador. The gathering was a return for the compliment paid by the London Lyceum Club to Count Wolff Metternich.

Another meeting was held in Cologne, where much oratory was expended and much good will was expressed. The speakers used many long German words, but the modest "Aanaaheerungsbebreubungen" more than held its own in the polysyllabic display.

OFFICERS MUST FIGHT DUELS.

"So long as duelling is widely regarded as a means of redress for injured honour the officers' corps cannot tolerate the presence in their ranks of anyone who is not prepared in a given case to defend his honour with his sword," said Prince von Bulow in the German Reichstag yesterday. This declaration, says Reuter, produced a considerable sensation.

U.S. READY FOR "QUICK FIRST BLOW."

WASHINGTON, Monday.—Dr. Gallinger will present to the Senate to-day the report of the General Staff, showing that in the event of war the present merchant marine available as transports ought to be increased two and a half times in order to enable the United States to deal the quick first blow which is so important in war.—Reuter.

LONDON ON THE DOWN GRADE.

Low Birth-rate, Fewer Marriages,
and Rising Death-rate.

PERIL IN OUR DIET.

"The birth-rate for 1904—27.9 per 1,000 persons living—is the lowest recorded rate since the institution of civil registration."

This startling statement appears in the latest report of the medical officer of health for the County of London for 1904, just published.

The marriage-rate has also declined since 1903 from 17 and a fraction to 17 per 1,000 persons living. This is hardly reassuring, and confidence is not restored by the statement that the death-rate has risen from 15.2 per 1,000 in 1903 to 16.1 per 1,000 in 1904. It is cold comfort to learn that it is still below the average of the last ten years. The death-rate of children has risen from 130 to 144 per 1,000 births.

What Is Killing Us.

Deaths from ordinary diseases, such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, etc., show in some cases an increase and in others a decrease; but some startling statements as to the dangers from natural ice and polluted watercourses may prove the key to the increased number of deaths.

The risk of disease from natural ice is very grave, says Dr. Hamer, assistant medical officer of health to the L.C.C., in an appendix to the report. The source of natural ice can never be known, and such ice may have a past, and is therefore always dangerous.

Some time ago a mysterious outbreak of illness was traced to impure natural ice. The chief symptoms shown by the sufferers were giddiness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, etc. The outbreak occurred in an American hotel. Inquiries were made, and it was discovered that the ice used came from a stagnant pond containing a putrescent mass of marsh mud and decomposing sawdust.

Dangerous Ice and Watercourses.

A similar outbreak occurred in London in 1898, and, although ice was not actually proved to be the cause, the very gravest suspicion fell upon it. Outbreaks of enteric fever have been practically traced to ice—in one instance outbreaks occurring at the rate of fifty a day for over three weeks.

Much of the enteric in New York is believed to arise from the impure Hudson River ice. In view of the fact that Dr. Hamer advises the use of artificial ice only, prepared from distilled water, it is hardly reassuring to learn that 200,000 tons of artificial ice are imported into London annually. Clear ice, it should be noted, is not necessarily pure.

Watercourses also falls under suspicion. It often causes enteric fever. Mr. Shing E. Murphy, medical officer of health to the London County Council, gives in his report the result of investigations in 1903 by the medical officer of health for Hackney into two outbreaks of enteric there. Outbreak A included forty-eight cases. More than 64 per cent. had partaken of watercourses.

Outbreak B included sixty-two cases. Nearly 50 per cent. had recently eaten watercourses. It is comforting to learn that most of the beds supplying watercourses are pure. But beware of dark green or purple cress—it is usually the produce of water likely to be tainted with sewage.

Bronchitis and pneumonia were together the cause of 12,083 deaths, as compared with 11,069 in 1903. In 1904 7,326 persons died of phthisis, as against 7,124 in 1903. This increase is, however, slight compared with the marked decline in the mortality from this disease shown when a number of years is reviewed.

ONCE A FAMOUS PRIMA DONNA.

Voice That Charmed a Past Generation Now Silenced
for Ever by the Death of "Miss Poole."

Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon, better known as Miss Poole, under which name she attained pre-eminent distinction a generation ago as a brilliant singer, died yesterday at Langley, Bucks.

Miss Poole retired as far back as 1870, but there must be some still living who heard her in English opera at Drury Lane.

Her mezzo-soprano voice was of remarkable sweetness and power, and it is doubtful if any English singer ever possessed so large a repertory of operatic roles. As a ballad singer she had no rival for nearly a quarter of a century.

FRIDAY TILL MONDAY TEETOTAL.

A husband, who prosecuted his wife for assault at Marylebone yesterday, was asked by the magistrate if he had become a teetotaler. "Yes, from Friday till Monday," was the laconic reply.

HOTEL TRAGEDY MYSTERY.

Mother Still Unconscious While the Inquest Is
Opened on Her Two Children.

Such evidence as was given at the inquest, at Westminster yesterday, on the bodies of the two children found dead beside their unconscious mother in the West End Hotel, Arundel-street, tended rather to deepen than to clear up the mystery.

The names of the children were given as Gladys Milner Pollin, aged eight, and Harry Lawrence Milner Pollin, aged ten.

Mr. Harry Milner, of Burgess Hill, near Brighton, who obviously was still suffering from the shock which the tragedy gave him, and gave evidence in a low voice, said he was married to Mrs. Milner, the mother of the children, on October 14, 1900.

He formally identified the children, and then the coroner said that as this was a case which would have to be adjourned they would take other evidence before completing his.

A waiter described the state of the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Milner and the children when the tragedy was discovered.

The previous evening had brought with her a small basket. She had been in the hotel before. The inquest was adjourned.

While the inquest was in progress Mrs. Milner still lay unconscious at the Charing Cross Hospital. On inquiry the *Daily Mirror* was informed that the doctors could not say whether or not she would recover.

When the *Daily Mirror* called on the matron of the hospital for a report of Mrs. Milner's condition, the first question he was asked was, "Are you Mr. Milner?"

PERILS OF WRITING TO JURYMEN.

Judge in Music Piracy Case Orders a Rash Correspondent to Attend and Explain Himself.

What is known as the Musical Piracy Case—a prosecution of great importance—once more came up at the Old Bailey yesterday.

On the Judge taking his seat one of the jurymen handed two letters to his Lordship, which he stated he had received in the course of the case. The nature of the letters was not disclosed, but it was gathered that they were from the firm in whose service the juror was.

The Common Sergeant gave directions that the writer of the letters should be brought before him. In the absence of any explanation from the writer, he said he would make no further comment than to say that it would be shown that the Court could not be treated with contempt.

The case for the prosecution had not concluded when the Court rose.

LIBEL SUIT AGAINST "PUNCH."

Lord Loreburn, the New Lord Chancellor, Desires To
Be Excused from Hearing the Appeal.

Messrs. Bradbury, Agnew, and Co., the proprietors of "Punch," and Mr. Henry Lucy, the well-known writer, are appealing against a verdict of £300 damages awarded against them on the ground of a review of the life of the late Sir John Robinson—the book was written by Mr. Moy Thomas.

It was yesterday arranged, in the Appeal Court, that the hearing should be postponed until after the Lord Chancellor, Lord Loreburn of Dumfries, ceased to assist the Court of Appeal, during the present sittings of the Court.

Lord Loreburn said that he felt he would rather not take part in the hearing of the case, as he had read too much of the proceedings at the previous trial, and comments thereon.

HAWKER WHO BECAME A MAGISTRATE.

Mr. David Holmes, who died at Burnley yesterday, led the great strike of weavers in 1878. After that the employers refused to give him work, and his old comrades gave him a pony and cart for hawking.

Eventually he became a town councillor and magistrate, and served as a cotton trades delegate at many international conferences.

GUNSMITH HURT BY SUICIDAL PATRON.

In a Melton Mowbray gunsmith's shop Walter Innocent, recently discharged from the Yorkshire Light Infantry, asked to see some revolvers.

Suddenly he seized a gun, and, loading it, blew out his brains. Mr. Whitehouse, one of the proprietors of the shop, was also wounded.

SECRET MARRIAGES.

Divorce Court Deals with Four
Romances with Sad Endings.

"FLORODORA" TEA-SHOP.

Among the two dozen divorce cases disposed of by the President of the Divorce Court and Mr. Justice Baggave Deane yesterday, two marriages were mentioned about which the brides' mothers knew nothing.

"Mother doesn't know now," said one of the two brides who so unfortunately have become petitioners.

This young woman, Mrs. MacCallum, fell in love with young MacCallum when he was in the interesting position of being about to go out to South Africa to fight for his country.

He used to be a visitor to the house, but the mother was not told that a secret wedding had taken place.

Afterwards the young soldier did so well that he was given a commission in the Hussars. He was ordered out to India, but not before he had committed a matrimonial lapse, which his secret bride forgave.

Frank Confession.

She wrote to him when he was in Bombay asking him whether he had been true to his vows of amendment, and he replied:—

"Dear Ella,—Your last letter has just reached me. You will persist in asking me whether I have been faithful to you. I have not been faithful. It is no good telling you a lie. You can't say I have not told you the truth. It may be brutal, but I feel like it.—Geoff."

A decree was granted in this case.

The other secret bride married a young man named Wyatt, a lodger in her mother's house. They had a secret honeymoon at Pevensey. Then they came home and resumed their normal course of life as if nothing had happened. The secret husband had the misfortune to be arrested. After his release he sent his latchkey to his mother-in-law, who was unaware of her relation to him, with the message:—

"Mr. Wyatt returns the latchkey, as he has no further need for it."

A decree was granted.

Pair of Elopements.

Just as there was a pair of secret marriages so there was a pair of elopements.

Mr. Louis E. G. Doerr used to be in business as a manufacturing chemist. His wife was so extravagant, however, he told the Court, that he had to retire. Then she came into some money, and started a tea shop at Brighton under the style of The Florodora.

Objecting to the manner in which some of the gentlemen customers behaved, and failing to receive satisfactory assurances from his wife, Mr. Doerr went to Winchester, and set up in business for himself. He had previously been manager of the tea shop.

One day Mrs. Doerr came to Winchester in a motor-car. She had been driven over by a Mr. Vine, one of the customers.

Some little time after this Mr. Doerr received a telegram: "Children and nurse at Denton's. Wire their fare. Cots will be forwarded."

The mystified husband went to the place indicated, a friend's house. Here he found his children. The Florodora was shut up, and when Mrs. Doerr and Mr. Vine were last seen they had been on their way to Rottingdean. A decree nisi was granted.

Th-atre Russe.

The second elopement was even more unexpected. Mrs. Lucy Fraser had lived fairly happily with her husband at Edgeware for ten years after her marriage in 1879. One morning he suggested to her that she would take her mother to the theatre that evening, and stay at her mother's house in London, as it would be too late for her to get home. When she reached Edgeware the next morning she found the house shut up, and Mr. Fraser and a servant-girl gone.

After a time the following letter came:—
"Dear Lucy,—I dare not call you wife, as I feel by my dreadful conduct I have forfeited all right to do so. I can make no excuse; I must have been out of my mind. Until I was out of sight of England, I did not realise what I had done. I would give anything to be back again."

This letter came from Australia. Evidence about Mr. Fraser's life with another "wife" was given, and the marriage dissolved.

"FIRST OFFENDER" PHILOSOPHY.

"If a boy of ten or fourteen should be given another chance under the First Offenders Act, so also should a man of sixty or seventy. Such an Act was made to benefit both old and young."

Thus said Sir Joseph Renals at the Guildhall in binding over an elderly man, of hitherto unblemished character, who had been suddenly tempted to steal.

MRS. BROWN-POTTER.

Echoes of the Savoy Venture Heard in
Claims Against Her Estate.

Mrs. Brown-Potter had important business in the Law Courts yesterday. There were two cases in which her interests were concerned.

When the first case was called on before Mr. Justice Bigham she took up her position in a dark recess in the corridor outside the court. Here she chatted with some friends as charmingly as if she were in the bower of Calypso.

The proceedings in the court would have been much brightened by her presence, for the question at issue was a somewhat dull one. Was Mrs. Brown-Potter's estate liable for a claim for £137 10s. made by Partingtons, the advertising agents?

This firm had advertised "Du Barry," part of the Brown-Potter Savoy series, and Mrs. Brown-Potter's trustee denied that the lady was responsible. At the period in question Mr. Fossick, a solicitor—afterwards sentenced for appropriating clients' money for the purpose—was financing the venture and Mrs. Brown-Potter was receiving a salary.

The Judge decided that the claim stood good against the actress's estate.

In the second case, Justice Mr. Justice Walton, the point was how far, since Mrs. Brown-Potter's estate was held liable, was Mr. Gilbert Hare, her partner, responsible for an order given to Messrs. Defries, the illuminators, by a manager?

Mr. Hare, giving evidence, said he had never authorised the manager to pledge his credit.

The consideration of this point was adjourned. Before taking this second case Mr. Justice Walton paid a visit to Mr. Justice Bigham's court, and a smiling confabulation took place between the two Judges.

Mrs. Brown-Potter made a most successful re-appearance last night at the Coliseum in the charming new song-cycle, "The Spirit of Love," adapted from the French of Armand Silvestre.

SCULLING CHAMPION'S WILL.

Leaves £1,000 to Found New Lifeboat To Be Called
The Brothers Brickwood.

By the will of the late Mr. Edwin Dampier Brickwood, for many years aquatic editor of the "Times" and the "Field," £1,000 has been bequeathed to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, to be applied in providing and maintaining a lifeboat at some point on the coast of Hampshire, Sussex, or Dorsetshire, and to be named The Brothers Brickwood.

Another bequest is about £10,000 in trust for his adopted daughter for life, with remainder as she may appoint.

Mr. Brickwood was the amateur champion sculler of England in 1861, and was the holder of many of the most coveted trophies for sculling.

DOOMED SHIP IN THE SHETLANDS.

Relief Party Hopes To Reach Crew Before Desperate
Situation Becomes Hopeless.

Wild weather is still being experienced in the extreme north of the British coasts.

A banquet, driven ashore on one of the bleak islets of the Shetland group, was, when the last message was sent, breaking up, and the fate of the crew was uncertain.

A relief party yesterday afternoon left Lerwick for the scene of the wreck, which is on a terribly exposed coast. The chances of saving the men are few.

SNATCHED FLOWERS FROM A COFFIN.

Woman Said To Have Clapped Her Hands and Shouted
as Her Brother-in-Law's Body Passed By.

Painful scenes took place at a funeral in Marylebone, when, according to evidence given in the district police court, yesterday, Elizabeth Walsh, as the coffin containing the body of her brother-in-law was borne out of his house, rushed forward and snatched some flowers from the top of the coffin, also making a rush at the widow.

Later, it was said, when the coffin was being carried into a chapel she clapped her hands and shouted.

She was sentenced to twenty-one days' hard labour.

TOO MANY ALIEN TAILORS.

An alien charged at Worship-street yesterday with picking pockets said he came over to this country to find work, but failed because the English tailoring trade was overcrowded—with Russians and Poles.

Henry Beale Tress, for obtaining money in respect of a breach of promise action by falsely representing himself as a solicitor, was yesterday sentenced at the Old Bailey to six months' hard labour.

ANIMALS' LIMBS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

Marvelous Grafting Operations Performed on Human Beings.

NEW EYES AND BONES.

"This is by no means the only instance where flesh or limbs of animals have been grafted on human beings in place of those damaged or destroyed."

Thus a well-known surgeon said to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, referring to the extraordinary case of Mr. Wilton Heinar, of Washington, the corners of whose eyes, destroyed a year ago by lime, have now been replaced by those of a Belgian hare, with the result that his sight has been restored.

"Mind," continued the surgeon, "I know nothing about this particular case, but one dare no longer be sceptical as to anything modern surgical science may do."

"Some extraordinary graftings," he went on, "have been successfully accomplished during the last ten or fifteen years. One of the most remarkable was closely allied to this case of Mr. Heinar, and was even more extraordinary."

BONE TAKEN FROM A DOG.

"A man injured the lens of his eye so seriously that the whole eyeball had to be removed. The case was received in the Ophthalmic Hospital in Paris. The surgeons made a bold experiment. They introduced into the vacant socket the eye of an animal. Within a few weeks the eye thus transposed became firmly fixed in its new position, and the patient entirely recovered his sight."

"Here is another very curious case. A boy lost a piece of bone from his leg. The doctors decided to try and replace it with the bone of a dog. A spaniel was chosen for the operation. First the dog was put in plaster of Paris, so that he could not move. Then he was rendered insensible by ether, the bone of his leg bared, and laid close to the wounded boy's bone."

"Within a week the dog's limb grew upon the boy's, and so made a complete bone, every bit as strong as the old broken one."

"Instances of transplanting flesh to and from different parts of the same body are common. Not so long ago a student at a German university was so badly wounded in one of his duels that he was in danger of losing his nose. From the left 'wing' a piece as big as a florin was cut clean away, and the whole of the under half of the nose was hanging down."

LIP FROM A HIP.

"The under half was lifted and stitched into its place. A piece of skin large enough to fill the hole in the left wing was taken from the upper part of the man's arm and bound tightly in the gap. When, five days later, the bandages were removed, the new piece had successfully grafted itself. After a month or two it had exactly the same appearance and texture as the rest of the nose."

"Some years ago a Guardsman quartered in Aldershot in trying to commit suicide shot away the whole of his upper lip. A piece of skin was taken from his hip, moulded in position, stitched, and bound. A week later the bandages were removed—and, behold, a perfect lip."

"New eyelids and new ears have been made in this way, and there is no end to the possibilities in this direction."

PRINCESS ENA'S CONVERSION.

King Alfonso's Chosen Bride, by Abjuring Protestantism, Removes the Last Obstacle.

Princess Ena of Battenberg has written a holograph letter to the Pope, announcing her conversion to the Roman Church. She asks for the Apostolic blessing on her coming union with the King of Spain, and for permission to visit his Holiness immediately after her reception into the Church, and before her marriage.

The announcement of her epistle has been received with the greatest rejoicing in the country which will soon be her adopted home. The alliance is extremely popular with all parties, and the Press of all shades of political opinion is unanimous in expressing the joy which the betrothal has been received.

It is understood that the recent visit of the Duke of Norfolk to Rome was undertaken with the object of smoothing away any difficulties which might exist regarding the marriage.

Like all the princesses of the English blood royal, Princess Ena received a solid grounding in theology, and, in common with her mother and Queen Alexandra, she has devoted much time and study to religious questions. Her conversion to the Church of Rome removes the last difficulty.

Her reception into the Church will be the occasion of great public rejoicing, both at Rome and at Madrid. It is expected that the date will be shortly announced. The Duke of Norfolk will be one of her sponsors, and the ex-Emperor of the French will be represented at the ceremony.

It is expected that the marriage will be solemnised at Madrid early in the spring.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

The battalions of Foot-guards now in London received the new short rifle yesterday.

Mr. George Summers Griffiths, the "blind bar-rister," has died at his home in Sutherland-avenue, Maida Vale.

Several Italians narrowly escaped death by fire at Rossman-street, Clerkenwell, yesterday. One was partially suffocated, and the others successfully jumped from a first-floor window.

The accouchement of Princess Alexander of Teck, daughter of the Duchess of Albany, is expected very shortly. The Princess has been staying at Claremont, Esher, since Christmas.

From Reading is announced the death of Mr. W. G. Mount, who, after fifteen years' parliamentary representation of Newbury (Berks), was succeeded in 1900 by his son, the present Unionist candidate.

Reports are being received almost daily by City houses having South African connections of embezzlements and abscondings by clerks and secretaries in Johannesburg, where an epidemic of this class of crime seems to prevail.

The Dover Amusements, Limited, have secured the entire rights and leases of the present Theatre Royal, which will be turned into a music-hall; the Hotel Metropole, upon the site of which a new theatre will be built; and the Pier Pavilion on the Promenade Pier.

The Marquis of Graham, heir to the Dukedom of Montrose, has accepted a directorship in the firm of William Beardmore and Company, ship-builders, of Glasgow.

For the first time on record a blesbok antelope has been born in captivity. The event took place in the Glasgow Zoo, to which the mother was recently brought from South Africa.

There have been so many inquiries for the annual report of the Poplar Board of Guardians, which deals extensively with the unemployed problem, that it has been placed on sale at 1s. 6d. a copy.

In spite of the hindrance to trade by the Russo-Japanese war, Thames Conservancy dues were paid last year on 177,500 more tons than in 1904, said Lord Desborough, chairman of the board, at yesterday's meeting.

Sir Walter Phillimore has offered to give 13,344ft. of very valuable land for the proposed widening of a narrow section of Kensington High-street. The improvement would cost £3,400, and Sir Walter's offer will be considered by the borough council to-day.

"Lights Out," with Mr. Leslie Faber in Mr. H. B. Irving's part of the young German officer, is now being played at the Savoy Theatre. Miss Eva Moore still plays very prettily the girl whom the young officer ruins, and the court-martial scene is as effective as ever.

MR. AND MRS. T. WILES AT ISLINGTON (SOUTH).



Mrs. T. Wiles driving round Islington yesterday in a motor-car. Mr. Wiles is standing by the side of his wife.

The Salvation Army appeals for 100,000 boys to join its newly-formed "Anti-Cigarette Legion."

Lieutenant the Earl of Rocksavage, 9th Lancers, has been appointed aide-de-camp to the Viceroy of India.

Kensington Council is considering an application for permission to erect several street kiosks for the sale of newspapers, tobacco, and sweets.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoresse will entertain at dinner this evening the sheriffs, the Court of Aldermen, and the high officials of the Corporation.

Llanrwst (Denbigh) Urban Council gravely report the receipt of 3d., the takings last month on the automatic weighing-machine owned by the council.

During the 1905 season, 630,760 persons attended the band performances on the Thames Embankment. From 100,760 were received chair fees amounting to £210.

At Cambridgeshire Assizes yesterday, before Mr. Justice Lawrence, Samuel Poulter was sentenced to death for murdering his wife, Julia Poulter, at Kirtling, near Newmarket.

The Bath Road Cycling Club are again this year entertaining at dinner the road-menders employed on the Ripley road. The men are entertained in batches, the first dinner taking place on February 5.

To a woman bewailing the receipt from a neighbour of a solicitor's letter, Mr. Kennedy, at Thames Police Court, yesterday, said it was "a very nice thing to have," and "you can make pipelights of it for your husband."

The new police court in King's Cross-road, which has occupied nearly three years in building, was used yesterday for the first time.

The Scottish Clans' Association of London will give another of their famous "Nights 'w' Burns" on Saturday, January 27, at the Albert Hall.

After walking 180,000 miles during his forty years' duty as a postman at Henley, Mr. John Simmonds, chairman of the Postmen's Federation since 1895, has retired on a pension.

Experiments have convinced the Poplar Guardians that there is more nourishment in bread and potatoes than in haricot beans, and the diet of their workhouse inmates will be altered accordingly.

Mr. Justice Joyce yesterday fixed February 1 for the action of Thellusson v. Viscount Valentia, which concerns a dispute between members of the Hurlingham Club over the proposed abolition of pigeon-shooting in the grounds of the club.

All records in gold production in Southern Rhodesia were broken in December, according to a report received by the British South Africa Company yesterday, the output amounting to 37,116 ounces—1,331 ounces more than the previous highest.

AMUSEMENTS, CONCERTS, ETC.

MASKELYNE AND DEVANT'S MYSTERIES (late Maskelyne and Cooke's), ST. GEORGE'S HALL, LANGHAM-PLACE, W. Daily, at 3 and 8. "Mystery Moth" (new version, including Indian Mango Trick), M. O. Tamarito, the Japanese Blondin; Nelson Harby, ventriloquist, and "Jew the Clown." New Problems. "Enchanted Hive." "Burmese Gong," etc. Reserved Seats, 2s. to 5s.; Gallery, 1s.; Children under 12 half-price. Prices, 1545 Mayfair. Telegrams, "Maskelyne," London.

THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS.

ADELPHI.—Lessee and Manager, Otto Stuart. TO-NIGHT, at 8.15, A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Mat. Every Wed. and Sat. at 2.15. Box-office (Mr. Terry) open 10 to 10. Tel. 2,645 Gerrard.

ALDWYCH THEATRE. Strand. Lessee and Manager, CHARLES FROMAN. TO-DAY and TWICE DAILY, at 2 and 8, CHARLES FROMAN presents ELLALINE TERRERS. SEYMOUR HICKS in BLUEBELL. Tel. 2315 Gerrard. Box-office open 10 to 10.

HIS MAJESTY'S. Mr. TREE. TO-NIGHT and TO-MORROW, at 8, Charles Dickens' "OLIVER TWIST." Dramatised by J. Comyns Carr. Farin. Mr. TREE. Bill Sikes Mr. LYNN HARDING. Nancy Miss CONSTANCE COLLIER. ONLY MATINEE TO-MORROW (Wednesday), at 2.15.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, Jan. 18, 19, and 20, at 8, AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE. Dr. Stockman Mr. TREE. Followed by Rudolph Klings' THE MAN WHO WAS. Dramatised by F. Kinsley Ellis. Austin Limmonson, Mr. TREE. Box-office (Mr. Watts), 10 to 10. Tel. 1777 Gerrard.

IMPERIAL. Mr. LEWIS WALLER. TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING, at 8.15, A Manquenda in London, by Rudolph Lohar, adapted by Louis N. Parker and Evelyn Brinton, entitled "THE GREAT HARLEQUIN PLAY." Mr. LEWIS WALLER. Miss EVELYN MILLARD. MATINEE EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 2.30.

ST JAMES'S. WILLIAM MOLLISON. TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING, at 8.15, AS ANGELO, by Shakespeare, adapted by Madeline and Evelyn Brinton. MATINEE EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, 2.30.

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ELECTION-MAD.

THE general election is a serious menace to the sanity of the country especially to women." Thus Dr. Forbes Winslow, in a lecture last night. Especially emphatic was he in his warning to women to avoid getting election madness. Observation shows, however, that it is candidates themselves who are the worst sufferers from this curious ailment, and they are all men.

One form the lunacy takes is to make candidates think they are people of great importance. They wear a comical air of proud self-assertion as they rush wildly about the constituencies.

They are mad enough to persuade themselves that the eyes of the world are upon them, whereas the great majority of people, even in their own district, are unaware of their existence.

They are mad enough to suppose their speeches have an effect upon voters' opinions. They are mad enough to imagine that electors feel honoured when they condescend to shake hands and ask after the baby.

They are mad enough to believe that if they send everyone a copy of their portrait and stick it up on every blank wall, it will have a good effect.

They are mad enough not to see that, as a rule, the mere sight of their face makes people decide either to vote for the other side or not to vote at all.

They are mad enough not to understand that their winning or losing will make no real difference to anybody in the world but themselves and their families.

Finally, greatest delusion of all, they are so mad as to be oblivious of the fact that to the average man (or woman) in the street it does not matter twopenny-halfpenny whether Tories or Liberals are in power.

What about the Labour Party, do you say? Ah, that is another story. E. B.

HAVE ANIMALS SOULS?

If you believe, with some of the contributors to our very interesting correspondence on this subject, that Man was specially created by God to be altogether different from animals, then you can safely deny that animals have souls.

If, on the other hand, you admit the Darwinian theory of the descent of Man from animals, then it is very difficult to say at what point Man became possessed of an immortal soul which was denied to all other living creatures.

Also it would be difficult to explain why Man alone was permitted to develop a soul and to look forward to immortality. His reasoning power is greater than that of animals. But one does not therefore deny that they have any reasoning power at all. Why, then, should one refuse to believe that they have souls?

Nothing will persuade those who have lived on affectionate terms with any animal that animals are essentially different from human beings. They are far more lovable than most human beings; quite as intelligent as many. They feel the same emotions, and express them often in very much the same way.

What human being could thrill you more tenderly with loving sympathy than your dog when he sees you are dejected and lays his head quietly upon your knee? What is it but "soul" that looks out of his expressive eyes at such a moment?

Animals have consciences. They can be taught the difference between right and wrong, just as a child is taught it. What evidence of soul is found in Man which cannot be found in animals? So far as I see, none. II.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

When death, the great Reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness we repent of, but our severity.—George Eliot.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

A MOST remarkable fact about this sensational election is the wide margin by which Liberals seem to be winning seats. That a politician of Mr. Balfour's eminence should have been defeated is surprising, but not unheard of. What is really almost unprecedented is the size of his opponent's majority. Take the last case of a reaction like this; take the "swing of the pendulum" (to use the well-worn phrase) which brought Gladstone to power in 1880. That election completely reversed the verdict of 1874, but even then the victories were more closely fought than seems to be the case on this occasion.

In 1880, in fact, no fewer than fifty-eight seats were lost to the Conservatives by majorities of less than a hundred. The average Liberal majority was only forty-three. A single vote won his seat for the South Norfolk candidate, and the aggregate majority in the fifty-eight cases I mean was only 2,490. Yet now Mr. Clynes, the new Labour representative of North-East Manchester, wins by 2,432—one Liberal, therefore, polls nearly as many

causes must be found out by meditation, and that is why Mr. Balfour was wise—as in such matters he always is—not to commit himself too soon.

The mention of Disraeli reminds me that the great man's nephew, Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, has been causing some discussion by the use of a crown—the royal emblem—on a New Year card issued to his electors. Lord Knollys has written a letter condemning the crown as a possible way of dragging the King into party conflict. Mr. Disraeli perhaps thought that the royal favour notoriously given to his famous uncle might justify him in borrowing a crown for his signal.

Mr. Coningsby Disraeli has now sat in the House of Commons for some fourteen years. He has been very attentive, but very silent, in the discharge of his duties there. He seldom speaks, but always has something to say when he does so. Mr. Disraeli was the heir of Lord Beaconsfield, but the latter did not leave as much money as might be supposed. He was at one time prodigiously in debt, and was only extricated from that financial marshland in which he was slowly sinking by his marriage with a rich woman, and by the

THE NEW TENANT'S TROUBLESOME LITTLE BOYS.



Mr. BULL (the landlord): Here, I say, do you think you can manage those boys and keep them out of mischief?
C.B. (the new tenant): I'm sure I hope so, but I don't feel too sure about it myself.

(The Labour Party will evidently be a powerful factor in the new Parliament, and it will certainly not be subservient to the crack of the Liberal Whip. What with it and the Irish Party, the Premier's task is likely to be difficult.)

votes as fifty-eight did at the last triumph of this kind.

Yes, certain constituencies have certainly made up their minds very emphatically. It remains to be seen how long they will keep to their present opinions. Mr. Balfour's courageous and eloquent discourse after his failure must have already won him the sympathy of many of those who voted against him. He was wise in refraining from giving reasons—too definite and probably faulty reasons—for the event. Defeated Ministers ought not to account for their defeats in public. "Never explain anything," is a good maxim in private life, and sometimes in public also. Disraeli, so we learn from Lord Ronald Gower's "Reminiscences," made an attempt one night when he was in good conventional "form," at Hughenden, to account for his downfall in 1880.

He said: "I am the unluckiest of mortals—six bad harvests in succession, one worse than the former, have been the cause of my overthrow. Like Napoleon I have been beaten by the elements. Bismarck and I were perfectly d'accord. Had our Government lasted we could have kept the Democrats of Europe in check. I now all is over!" That is the kind of reason—really given in such cases—a chance, a little bad luck, a crop failure, a letter written or unwritten, are things insufficient to explain a national change of opinion. The real

legacy of £50,000 that came to him from Mrs. Brydges Williams. Few rich people seem to have the sense to leave money to a genius. Mrs. Williams's memory ought therefore to be honoured all the more.

Mr. Coningsby Disraeli did not come into his uncle's heritage until he was twenty-six. His wife, who was a Miss Silva, inherited £150,000, however, from her father, so that he will never know the money troubles against which his uncle had to fight. It is curious, by the way, that the late Queen requested that Mr. Disraeli, if he should ever be offered a peerage, should not take the title of Beaconsfield, which she wished to have associated with no one but the unique, the favourite Minister whose death she always mourned.

I went on Sunday evening to a party given at Olympia and saw "pelota" played. It is a capital game to watch, and, I should think, to play also. I got quite excited over it. Late in the evening "Daredevil" Schreyer did his terrifying leap into a tank of water from a high bicycle track. No wonder his challenge has found no one to take it up. The green grass carpet improves the huge place immensely, takes away that empty, echoing effect that makes large buildings so uncomfortable. It is pleasantly warmed, too, quite a good place for a novel evening's amusement.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

IMMORTALITY FOR ANIMALS.

None of your correspondents has, so far as I have seen, pointed out that one religion at least gives a plausible explanation of this mystery of the spiritual distinction between men and animals, of this strange problem of the soul—how it begins and whether it dies or lives for ever. Buddhism is the religion I mean.

Buddhism teaches us that the universe may be compared to some monstrous ladder on which the souls of all things born are eternally toiling upward. At the summit of the ladder, where it passes out of sight into the mystery of "Nirvana," is the perfect man, the "enlightened"; lower down are the animals, many of them only reincarnations of men who have lived unworthily in former lives.

The point, then, is that no thick barrier exists between men and animals according to this magnificent theory of things. Men are always becoming beasts, beasts rising to perfect consciousness by becoming men. And thus the whole of creation is one and indivisible.

Elm Park-gardens.

OLIVER WEIR.

The dog seems to take the first place among the majority of your correspondents; to my mind the dog has been unduly praised; that some dogs are noble in appearance is not doubted, but their nature is cowardly; for instance, watch a massive well-fed dog rush after a poor, half-starved kitten; when the small creature is cornered and shows fight the dog keeps at a safe distance, but if it does get within the limits, a scratch upon the nose sends it away yelping.

There is, to get to the main point, no evidence whatever pertaining to animal immortality, or any other low form of life, as one of your correspondents says. What is the difference between the souls of a sponge, oyster, dog, ape, and man? I think that according to size, the ape is far superior in intelligence to many large animals.

In the "Countryside," January 13, the editor, Mr. E. Kay Robinson, holds that human beings are self-conscious, and know what they suffer, and that animals are not conscious to suffering, which proves that the human family alone have immortal souls.

Kensington.

E. A.

That some animals, at any rate, possess conscious energy (i.e., a soul) is proved, I consider, by the fact that my own little dog, after vainly trying to climb a slippery cliff, went back deliberately and rubbed her paws in the sand, after which she climbed it easily.

Your correspondent from Forest Gate ("C. S. D.") I think he signs himself, is on very intimate terms with his Bible, but has he never read in it that "God will save both man and beast"? And who told him that the very precise description in Isaiah is only allegory? To me it reads like plainest matter of fact.

Again, as there may be other worlds preparing for our occupation, "Mr. Pyper" need not be afraid of encountering a scarab or a crocodile—or even my own little dog, though he would find her no bad company.

Weymouth.

P.S.—I had forgotten Romans viii., xxi., which tells more conclusively for the re-existence of animals than any passage I can remember.

AN ELECTION ANECDOTE.

The following is an absolutely true story:—There is a certain butcher in our village who is a strong Tory. A lady went into his shop and asked for a sheep's head. He showed her one. "Is it a Liberal head?" she asked. "No," said the butcher. "Do you want a Liberal head particularly?" "If you please," said the lady, sweetly.

"Very well," he replied. "I can soon supply you"; and then he called to his boy: "James, this lady wants a Liberal sheep's head. Just take the brains out of one of the heads you have there, will you?"

Needless to add, he has lost a customer.

East Ham.

J. M. P.

PROVIDENCE AND THE ELECTION.

I am surprised, even in this age of universal scepticism, that your correspondent of yesterday should remark that "God has never interfered in history."

I think an intelligent study will show that all history has been influenced by God's hand, and one most important and vital fact will be brought out by this study, namely: the nation with the honesty and courage to own the directing power of God is the nation to succeed.

Elgin-avenue, W.

IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 15.—The first flower of the hepatica (monardella) is coming out. This is a precious plant, and its beautiful sky-blue blossoms are produced very early in the year. The hepatics delight in a half-shady, moist situation, and, if undisturbed for years, will form lovely carpets of bloom in company with primroses and other spring favourites. There are also double red, double blue, and white varieties.

To-day the dark spikes of the "glory of the snow" can be seen above ground. Thus the year, perhaps all too rapidly, moves towards spring.

E. F. T.

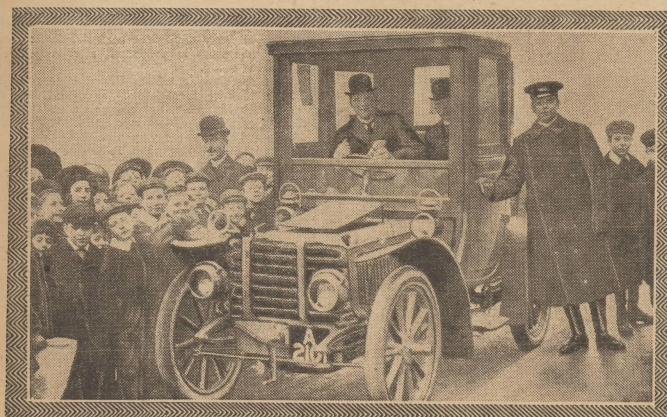
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MR. DALZIEL AT BRIXTON.



Discarding the more usual motor-car affected by parliamentary candidates, Mr. Dalziel and his wife drove round Brixton yesterday in a victoria. This constituency was specially noticeable for the pictorial display of posters on the hoardings and the number of private houses which displayed election cards. A very large number of motor-cars was engaged in the contest.

THE HON. RUPERT GUINNESS AT HAGGERSTON.



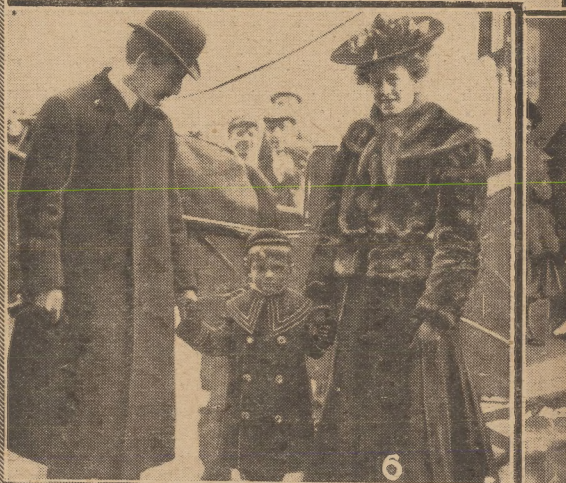
As commander of the Naval Volunteers on the Buzzard the Hon. Rupert Guinness appealed to Haggerston as a patriotic candidate.

YOUTHFUL SUPPORTERS OF CAPTAIN JESSEL.



At St. Pancras a merry party of school children drove round the constituency in a van distributing handbills on behalf of Captain Jessel.

GOING TO THE POLLS



Yesterday was a scene of great activity in London, as polling took place in twenty constituencies. It was a fine, bright, sunshiny morning, and the rival parties made a bravado show in the streets, with gaily decked motor-cars and coloured rosettes. (1) The first voter as the poll opened at Haggerston yesterday; (2) Sir A. K. Rollit (on the right) driving round Islington yesterday; (3) Mr. Naoroji (on the right) driving round North

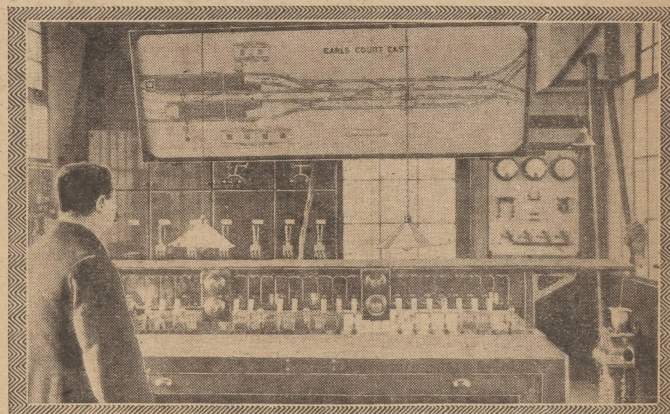
LONDON YESTERDAY.



Lambeth; (4) van filled with chairs to carry the supporters of Mr. Myer to the poll in North Lambeth; (5) the Hon. Claude Hay (in centre of picture) among his supporters at Hoxton; (6) Mr. P. W. Wilson at St. Pancras; with his wife and son; (7) youthful supporters of Mr. Collins at Kennington; and (8) Mr. Naoroji's sandwichmen parading North Lambeth.

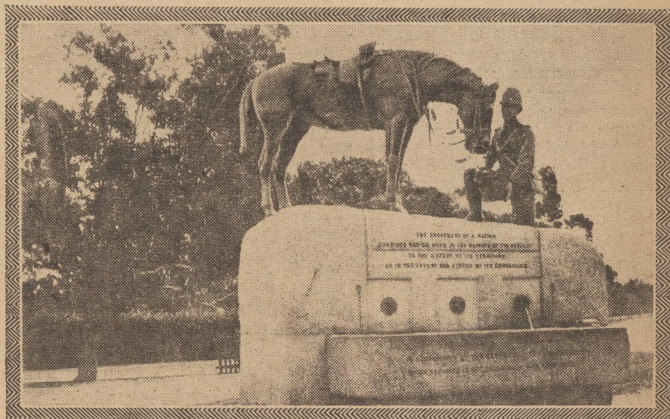
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UP-TO-DATE RAILWAY SIGNALLING.



There will be no hard struggle with the levers in the Earl's Court East signalling-box on the Baker-street and Waterloo Tube Railway, which has been fitted with the Westinghouse electric pneumatic train controlling system. All the signals are worked by pneumatic pressure, and on the map above the operator the exact position of each train can be ascertained.

MEMORIAL TO SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP HORSES.

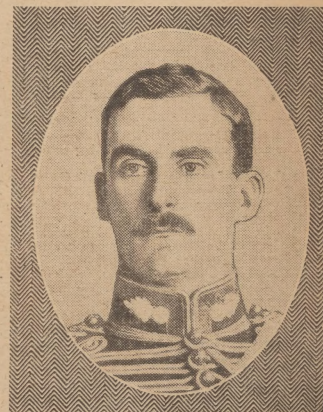


At Middleburg, in the Transvaal, lovers of dumb animals have erected the above beautiful memorial to the horses that died in the South African war. In the Artillery most of the horses were recruited from the London omnibus animals.

TO-DAY'S WEDDING.



Miss Ciceley Mansel-Pleydell, younger daughter of the vicar of Sherminster Newton, Dorset, to be married to-day to—



—Mr. Neville H. C. Sherbrooke, of Clifton, Bristol, son of the late Lady Lilias Sherbrooke, of Clifton.—(Thomson.)

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THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

Author of "Dacobra," "Love, the Criminal," "Love at a Price," etc., etc.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

GEORGE CRAWSHAY, a wealthy bachelor of forty, had just left an eminent specialist, who had told him he had two more months to live. Crawshaw had spent an easy life of pleasure, but he cared little that it was to end. Yet his life held a purpose. He had spent the last ten years in an endeavour to take vengeance on a man, and he had failed completely. Now, when death was close to him, he did not even know the name of the man whose destruction he had sought and planned—the man who had betrayed his step-sister. As Crawshaw sat gloomily contemplating his long and useless search, he was interrupted by the arrival of his friend.

SIR RICHARD GAUNT, a brutal, unscrupulous man of evil reputation, known as "Rakehell Gaunt." Crawshaw told him of the result of his interview with the specialist, and also of the futile search he had been making for the man on whom he longed to be revenged.

Then he made a proposition that amazed Gaunt. He knew the impetuous state of the spendthrift, and offered him £30,000 on condition that he undertook to hunt down the man and ruin him after he (Crawshaw) was dead. But Gaunt, unscrupulous as he is, would not consent to this monstrous scheme.

Rakehell Gaunt gave a dinner at his flat.

LORD CARFAX and **George Crawshaw** were his guests, and

CYNTHIA PARADINE, a beautiful Moroccan girl, was dancing for them. The men had been drinking heavily, particularly Lord Carfax, whose familiar manner with Cynthia Paradine provoked Gaunt to seize an empty bottle and strike him. Lord Carfax fell heavily, his head striking against the fender. When Crawshaw examined the fallen man, he found he was dead.

Gaunt was horrified at what he had done; but Crawshaw, drawing him aside, told him that he (Crawshaw) would say he committed the murder—if Gaunt would consent to scheme already proposed to him, and that the man he wants to be revenged upon. This Gaunt swears to do.

Crawshaw is arrested for manslaughter and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He dies in prison, leaving Gaunt £30,000 and a box containing notes and clues he has collected during his search.

Gaunt picked up a diary and opened it, and the first name that caught his eye was that of Violet Hexamer. Then he laughed and said almost hysterically like a woman. The search, which might have lasted a lifetime, was already over.

The man he had sworn to ruin and hound to death was well-known to him. It was, in fact, Sir Richard Gaunt himself.

He feels relieved at once. His task is over. The idea of ruining himself he regards as absurd, and thinks he is extremely lucky in escaping a search that might have lasted years. He goes to the country to see his mother.

LADY GWENDOLEN GAUNT, with whose rich ward, **LADY BETTY DRAKE**, he wishes to revive an old love affair.

HENRY GAUNT, Sir Richard's younger brother, tries to help Lady Betty and Sir Richard apart, but does not succeed.

Sir Richard and Lady Betty are out walking together, when he asks her to be his wife; but she refuses. A messenger overtakes them with the news that Lady Gwendolen Gaunt has been taken seriously ill, and they make haste back to their home, Gaunt Royal.

CHAPTER VIII. The House Desolate.

When they reached Gaunt Royal Henry, white-faced and solemn, met them in the hall.

"Well, Henry?" asked Lady Betty anxiously. "You are too late," he replied gravely.

Sir Richard walked past him without a word, and for the moment there was an ugly look on his face.

Then he and Lady Betty made their way upstairs into the presence of the dead.

"A sudden seizure," said the doctor. "Her heart has been in a bad way for some time. It was all over her when I arrived."

With these few simple words he withdrew from the room, and left the two mourners alone.

Lady Betty came forward to the bedside and kissed the cold white face. Then she knelt softly down and covered her face with her hands and prayed.

Sir Richard stood apart. There were no tears in his eyes, and he was not the sort of man to give way to a violent outburst of grief. But in his own selfish way he had loved his mother, and his sorrow was genuine enough. It was made doubly bitter by the thought that he himself was in some way to blame for her death. He scarcely dared to approach the bed, but stood a few feet away from it, and stared fixedly at the kneeling figure of Lady Betty.

Then he turned and withdrew, softly closing the door behind him. He realised that he was not fit to be in the same room as either the living or the dead.

During the next few days Sir Richard Gaunt lived his life apart from his dearest. He declined to even speak to his brother, and the few conversations he had with Lady Betty were brief, and chiefly connected with the funeral arrangements. He took all his meals alone in the library, and made it clear that he did not wish for the society of anyone.

At the funeral itself, the two brothers, and Lady Betty were the chief mourners, and the whole countryside turned out to do reverence to the family which owned a large but unproductive slice of the county. The demeanour of the three principal figures in the ceremony was correct, and not calculated to call for remark. No one knew that the two brothers were not on speaking terms, and that Lady Betty's sorrow was mingled with a fierce rage against the two men who could bring their quarrels even to the site of their mother's grave.

During the time which elapsed between the death

and the funeral Richard Gaunt had effaced himself, but directly the ceremony was over, and the relations had departed, he lost no time in giving vent to the words which he had withheld from respect to the dead.

His interview with Henry was certainly not one which should have passed between any two brothers who had just been united in a common grief.

They were alone in the library on the morning after the funeral. Sir Richard had asked for a few words with his younger brother, and it was quite clear from the outset that they were not to be pleasant ones.

"I should like to have a little chat with you, Henry," he said coldly as he lit a cigarette. "We may not meet again for some years, and I suppose you are leaving by the midday train."

Henry had not thought of leaving by the midday train, but he took the hint.

"Yes, I believe that is the only good train," he replied.

"I shall instruct my solicitor to pay off that mortgage as soon as possible."

"Yes, if you would. One can't afford to look up £30,000 at four per cent. nowadays."

"Very well, that matter is settled. I am obliged to you for the loan. Well, Henry, I hope you are satisfied with your work, though I imagine that you cannot have expected such a complete disaster—such an absolute break-up of everything."

"What do you mean?"

"Oh, you know well enough what I mean," Sir Richard replied savagely. "I have held my tongue till now out of respect for the dead, but now I intend to speak plainly. You are responsible for my mother's death, and you know it. She was ill, and you went to her with some trumped-up scandal about me and Betty. I don't know what poisonous lies you told her; I suppose I never shall know. But I have not the slightest doubt that you killed her, and I hope you are satisfied with your handiwork."

"How dare you," cried Henry Gaunt, exasperated beyond all control. "How dare you talk to me like this—at such a time—under this roof?"

"I dare anything. And I talk to you now because it is the last chance I shall get of talking to you. As long as I am alive, you'll never set foot in this house again. Is that plain-speaking enough for you?"

"It is not only plain, Dick," said Henry with some dignity, "but it is exceedingly vulgar. I will not prolong this painful and very unseemly interview."

He walked to the door, and, opening it, looked back at his brother, who was still glaring at him like a wild beast.

"Good-bye, Dick," he said smoothly. "One of these days you will see what a fool you are making of yourself."

With this parting shot he closed the door, and Sir Richard Gaunt was left alone.

For a few moments he scowled angrily at the door, then he flung himself into a chair and lit a cigar. One interview was over, but there was another yet to come, and it was possible that, though it might not prove as unpleasant, it would be far more difficult.

After ten minutes' deliberation he rang the bell. "Please ask Lady Betty if she can spare me a few moments," he said to the servant. "Say that I wish to see her."

The servant departed, and a few minutes afterwards Lady Betty Drake entered the room. She was dressed in black, and her face was very pale. She had scarcely been outside the house since the death of Lady Gwendolen, and the want of fresh air had worked a change in her healthy appearance.

Sir Richard Gaunt rose to his feet as she entered, and threw his cigar into the fire.

"Please sit down, Bet," he said gently, "I want to have a few words with you. I will not keep you more than a minute or two."

She did not answer him, but seated herself in an armchair before the fire. He stood on the hearthstone facing her, and clasped his hands behind his back.

"Are you leaving here to-day, Bet?" he asked after an awkward pause.

"Yes, Dick," she replied in a low voice, "by the midday train."

"Henry is leaving by that train. He will be able to look after you."

"Henry?" she queried. "He told me he was staying on for a day or two. He said he thought of looking at a gold mine in the neighbourhood."

Sir Richard Gaunt laughed.

"How like Henry," he said cheerfully. "Well, you can take it from me, Bet, that he's not staying on here, and I rather fancy he's going up by the 12.50. But I don't ask you in here to talk about Henry. I want to make my peace with you, to apologise—I have behaved like a brute the last few days, but you must forgive me. I did not wish to cut myself off from your society, but I had no desire to meet my brother, and I could not very well exclude him from my circle. So I thought it better to efface myself."

"Your brother, Dick—why, surely—at such a time—"

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THE MONEY MARKET.

Possibilities of the Morocco Conference Depress Foreign Bourses.

PARIS SELLS KAFFIRS.

CAPET COURT, Monday Evening.—There was a halt in the stock markets. The general election has been too much for them. At least that is what some of the brokers and dealers say when they are pulling long faces over the results.

As a matter of fact we do not think that the general election has had very much influence. Just lately there was one of those periodical tiny bursts of speculative excitement in several directions, backed up by the little rush of investment orders that has been saving up as usual until the market seems to be on the move. Now comes some little consideration.

Speculators ask where the other speculators in buying mood are to be found. There is rather a check to public business. Prices consequently are scarcely so good, and for a day or two it looks like a little uncertainty in markets. Still there is nothing much the matter.

Consols, in fact, at one time were distinctly firm. They were fully 90 1/16. Before the close, however, they dulled off, just as they had been dull at the opening, and they closed 89 15/16.

HOME RAILWAY APATHY.

In the Home Railway market the buyers did not come forward in the numbers expected. Rarely has such apathy been shown at a dividend period. The truth is that the public still do not grasp what trade revival means to the railways. So far as they are kept out of speculation, so much the better. For, perhaps, directors might prove rather more conservative than expected. That would be no bad thing, even though it might mean a temporary hitch in dividends. Later investors should find satisfaction enough. To-day's Brighton traffic was not encouraging, and taking Home Railway prices as a whole they were lower. But South-Eastern stocks were bought.

Speculators in American Rails also seemed to be considering the advisability of caution. Hence prices here were also inclined to a lower level.

GRAND TRUNK PROFIT-TAKING.

There was also profit-taking going on among the recent speculators in Grand Trunks, but owing to the improved news about the maize the Argentine Railway market had a fairly firm tendency, and there was more buying again in the Brazilian group, where any temporary inconvenience resulting from the floods was not seriously regarded in view of the improved commercial conditions.

Owing to the better traffic prospects now that the heavy rains are over, the Cuban group also started gaily, but here the improvement was not maintained until the finish. Still, on the whole, the Foreign Railway market was better in tendency, and that was something to be thankful for on a dull day.

The houses did not seem over cheerful. The possibilities of a hitch in the Morocco Conference seemed to lead to a little uncertainty, and possibly our own general election results were regarded with misgiving until it was clearly seen how the result would be received on our Stock Exchange.

RUSSIAN BONDS DULL.

The settlement in the new Japanese loan commences to-morrow, and Japanese descriptions kept up in spite of the talk about the increased Japanese loan expenditure this year. Russian bonds, however, were dull on loan uncertainties, and Paris favourites were mostly weaker, while the copper shares received a check. Venezuelan bonds did not seem to be affected by the trouble with France.

The important Furness, Withy deal with certain American railroads helped the shares of the former somewhat, but the rumour of a coming amalgamation between Liptons and Home and Colonial Stores was disposed of officially at the office of the former, where they repudiated any foundation for it. Dock stocks were put up.

The Rhodesian gold output was again a record, the December return being 37,116oz. The year 1905 saw 139,330oz. more produced than in 1904. But Kaffirs, as a whole, were sold. The public has not come in, except as sellers. Paris, also, was a seller. So the result is lower prices. Westralians were also depressed, with the Colony selling Great Fingalls. But West Africans came through the day fairly well.

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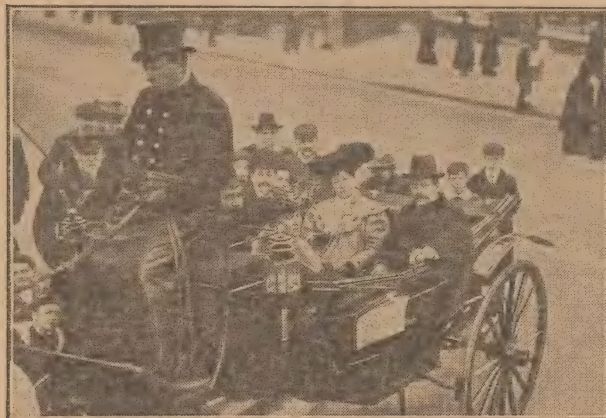
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THE BROKEN LAW.

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"Oh, yes, you'd think so, wouldn't you. But I and Henry are not on good terms—well, it doesn't matter about that, Bet. I wish you'd stay on here, and use this house as your own. I will go back to town."

"No," she said earnestly. "No, you must not do that, Dick. You must stay here; it has done you so much good."

"Yet I shall leave soon. Do you think that I can live here alone. Not I! London is the place that calls me, Bet, and I cannot resist the call. I may as well leave here at once. You like the place. Why don't you live in it? You can pay me rent if you choose. You have your work done here, among the poor, and all that sort of thing. They'll miss you, and you'll be sorry to leave. Why, you've been here since you were ten years old, Bet."

"Yes, I shall be sorry to leave," she said slowly, "very sorry to leave, Dick."

"Well, it isn't necessary. I don't want you to go, and it isn't really necessary. I want to go myself."

"No, you must stay, Dick."

"I shall not stay; why should I? My mother is dead, and I only stayed on here because I—"

He paused. He could not frame the lie in appropriate words.

"You must stay for your own sake."

"Nonsense, Bet. Who cares what happens to me? So long as my mother was alive—and that reminds me, I want to thank you for keeping me here against my will. I hope you will try to forget what took place on Aran Cawddy. It was a brutal act of violence, a gross insult to a good and pure woman. I shall always remember it with shame. I want to ask for your forgiveness, Bet, before you leave here. Try and look on it in the best light you can; try and find some excuse for my disgusting conduct. I can find none myself. It is possible we may not meet again, and I don't want you to think ill of me all your life."

Lady Betty did not answer. There was no anger on her face, but she seemed to be struggling against an inclination to burst into tears. The man misinterpreted her silence.

"Don't be hard on me, Bet," he exclaimed after a pause.

"I forgive you," she faltered. "I cannot forget, of course."

"Thank you," he replied simply. He had no particular desire to be forgiven, but it pleased him to assume the pose of a suppliant. And if in the future he wished to marry—well, it might be useful to be on good terms with Lady Betty. For the present he had thrust all thoughts of matrimony out of his mind, and he was glad to think that the woman had declined his offer of marriage, made on the wild impulse of a momentary passion. He did not intend to renew the offer—for the present.

For a few moments there was a pause, and then Lady Betty rose to her feet.

"I must hush my packing," she said calmly. "Is this all you have to say to me?"

"Yes—that is to say, no, if I can persuade you to stay here, and let me leave you in possession of the place."

"I want you to stay here, Dick," she replied firmly. "You have made such a good start. It will be so much easier for you, if you stay here. You must promise me this, Dick, please?"

She looked up into his face, and he turned his eyes away from her. He was a little ashamed of himself.

"Perhaps, Bet; but don't worry about me. I am not worth it."

She looked at his hard, evil face, and there was an expression in her eyes that he could not fathom. It was almost too tender for pity, or sorrow, or disappointment. He shrank from it instinctively. It might be something more difficult to deal with than hatred.

"Yes, you are worth it," she said softly. "You have intellect and the power to do good. You must stay here."

She came closer and laid her hand on his arm.

"Not alone," he muttered, "it would be impossible alone."

"I will stay here, too," she whispered. "You!" he cried with a start. "Why, Bet, it would be—what would people say?"

Her cheeks grew red and she trembled with shame. But she was firm in her purpose. She would save this man at any cost.

"They would say nothing," she continued, "if we were married."

"Married?" he repeated, "married? Why, Bet, you told me—"

"Yes, but I never thought the matter over since then. I will marry you, Dick."

(To be continued.)

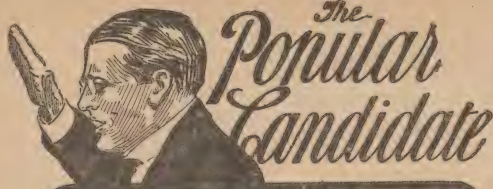
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Mrs. Templar looked sympathetic.

"Perhaps you know the quotation that 'Woman wins love's battles, not with her head nor with her heart, but with her arms?' " she remarked. "And this season, when elbow sleeves are in vogue, a beautiful arm is really an essential item of every girl's beauty."

"But what is poor Evelyn to do?" demanded Julia. "She was wishing there was some process

they are to be gently rubbed with warm almond oil, mixed with a little cream. This is to be used twice a day in order to allow the oil to permeate the skin thoroughly."

"What will remove stains from the nails?" asked Julia. "Lemon juice is not strong enough sometimes."

"A good mixture for this purpose is made by mixing a few drops of ammonia with peroxide of hydrogen. An orange stick dipped into this will help to remove any stains from beneath the nails."

"Is cloudy ammonia good for whitening the arms and hands?" inquired Julia. "And can it be made at home?"

"I answer 'Yes' to both questions," replied Mrs. Templar. "Get one pint of 88 per cent. proof ammonia from the chemist's and add a piece of soft soap the size of a walnut. Dissolve the soft soap in boiling water, and let it stand until cold. Then add the ammonia. Bottle and cork the result with indiarubber corks as soon as possible. Take the greatest care in bottling and see that the fumes of ammonia do not get into the eyes. Keep the doors and windows closed during the process."

"Returning to the subject of Evelyn, could you



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of inflating her arms to the required plumpness, but feared there was no such method."

"I believe some such method is practised in Paris, but it requires a very skillful expert to perform it," replied Mrs. Templar. "Paraffin is injected under the skin in a soft and liquid condition. When it hardens the specialist moulds it, working it into shape with his finger-tips. The next day the arm is sore, and there is a feeling of great irritation." "I do not wonder," interpolated Julia. "In ten days another injection of paraffin is necessary," proceeded Mrs. Templar, "and I believe in all four visits have to be paid before the arm is moulded into the right shape."

Julia looked thoughtful. "I don't think Evelyn would like to take the risk of this process," she said. "Is there no other method for plumping out the arms?"

"A specialist recommended the following treatment for rounding out thin arms," was the answer. "Once a day the arms are to be steamed. Then

give her a prescription for nail powder?" said Julia.

"Mix half an ounce of powdered starch with half an ounce each of talcum powder and borax acid, and colour this with fifteen drops of tincture of carmine. Rub this on to the nails with a little brush and polish with a soft chamois leather pad."

"Evelyn would also be very glad if you would give her a simple hair cleaner as she says town makes her hair so dusty and grimy, and she would like to use something twice a week to cleanse it."

"A hair cleanser that was recommended to me is made as follows—Beat up the whites—not the yolks—of four eggs into a froth, and rub the result thoroughly into the roots of the hair. Let it dry on the head, and do not mind the feeling of stickiness, which soon passes off. Then wash the hair with a mixture of rum and rose-water. This not only cleanses but brightens the hair, and keeps it in admirable order."

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NORTH AND SOUTH TEAMS.

Football Association Selection Committee's Good Work.

SPECIAL BY F. B. WILSON.

The decision of the International Selection Committee to play the whole amateur front line for the South against the North on Monday next at Leeds, is a great feather in the cap of amateur football—a feather which must be exchanged for a rather bigger one when it is taken into consideration that the amateurs have another representative on the side in the person of H. Smith, of Reading. The amateurs in the North, however, in no way compare with their professional brethren, and they are conspicuous by their absence.

The following are the sides—

North—Robinson (Birmingham); Crompton (captain) (Blackburn); Rodway (Preston); Warren (Derby County); Veitch (Newcastle United); Bradley (Liverpool); Bond (Preston); Comaon (Middlesbrough); Brown (Sheffield United); Baché (Aston Villa); Gosnell (Newcastle United). Reserves: Makepeace (Everton); Bluff (Sheffield United).

South—Ashcroft (Arsenal); Cross (Arsenal); H. Smith (Reading); Collins (Fulham); Bull (Tottenham); Houliker (Southampton); G. C. Vassall (Corinthians); S. H. Day (Corinthians); W. J. Woodward (Tottenham Hotspur); S. S. Harris (captain) (Corinthians); E. G. D. Wright (Cambridge). Reserves: Chambers (Bristol City); H. V. Fanshawe (New Crusaders).

As far as the forwards go, the contest should be extraordinarily even. It is hazardous to hope that the whole amateur forward line, with the exception of Wright, who is not, in my opinion, quite up to the level of his confreres, would represent England in the first international match. But the old warrior would not have it at any price. Vassall, at least, after a grand game at Fulham, said, "I wish I was a Bond, my friend," he replied, and certainly the point is a nice one.

"Sammy Day, then? It is about time he got a shot." "Have you ever heard of a gentleman called Compton?" he retorted, and I was bound to admit that I had—very often. "Woodward, then?" "I'll give you Woodward, with pleasure; I think him a moral certainty, unless crooked." "And S. Harris?" "Wait and see the North and South match; on his terms, I think that he should play." The last place went to Gosnell unhesitatingly. And so it is only the right wing on which we could come to no agreement.

I still believe that both Day and Vassall have a chance of the international cap. It is very likely to pan out at "both or neither," and if both of them are in form at Leeds they will need some stopping. The same applies to the whole Southern forward line, which, always dangerous, are bound to be doubly so when served by such a fine half-back line as Collins, Bull, and Houliker represent. Back-line is a welcome addition to any line, and but for his being really he had a place sitting for him at Fulham in the Amateurs and Professional match.

Good as the Southerners are, they will have all their work cut out for them to do better than the Northern halves, Warren, Veitch, and Bradley. The names of all of these men are household words in Northern football, especially Veitch, who has the reputation of a well-deserved one of being the most versatile player living. Taken as a pair, Crompton and Rodway are probably just a trifle in front of H. Smith and Cross, good though the latter are.

Both Ashcroft and Robinson in goal are always safe and often brilliant, and there is really nothing to choose between them. Altogether, the sides are so good, and so evenly balanced, that it is almost impossible to prophesy with any accuracy the outcome of the game, which is bound to be a grand one, if played under decent conditions of ground and weather. It will very probably be the best match of the year, internationals and Cup-ties included.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

THE LEAGUE.—Division II.

MANCHESTER UNITED, 0; LEEDS CITY, 3.
Played at Manchester in boisterous weather, before 6,000 people. When the teams met before the game was stopped by fog in the first half.
Watson, from a well-placed corner, gave Leeds the lead, Moger having no chance. Playing under the most miserable weather conditions, Wilson got another opportunity in the second half, and placed Leeds two goals ahead. Singleton added the third point, and Leeds City won by 3 goals to nil.

WESTERN LEAGUE.

SOUTHAMPTON, 2; FULHAM, 0.

At Southampton, in dull weather, before a small attendance. Both teams were much below full strength. Play was of an even character throughout.

Harrison opened the scoring for the Saints after ten minutes, and Stead, by a brilliant save, prevented Cartwright equalising.

After the interval both goals were threatened, but escaped, the visitors shooting badly, and Fryer at the other end defending splendidly. In the last five minutes Soyce again netted for the Saints, who won by 2 goals to nil.

OTHER MATCH.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL, 4; CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY, 2.

At Plumstead, before a small crowd. Woolwich had practically a reserve team.

The game was well contested, but the Arsenal were always the stronger side, and in the first half Smith and Badger scored.

After change of ends Birks scored for Cambridge, but Smith added another two goals for Woolwich. Turner scored for Cambridge, who were beaten by 4 goals to 2.

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MARRIAGES.

BURNES—JOLLYE.—On January 11, at Holy Trinity, Rudwick, Sussex, by the Rev. A. J. Jukes, rector of West Hackney, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Jones, vicar of the parish, Herbert William, son of James A. Burnes, of The Lodge, Melton, Suffolk, to Phyllis Margaret, daughter of Mrs. H. C. Jollye, of Avenue, Stratford-Avon.

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DEATHS.

BRADSHAW.—On January 6, at Llandudno, the Rev. James Bradshaw, M.A., Rector of Incestru, sometime Vicar of Christ Church, West Ham, died at his 80th year.

CUNARD.—On January 11, at 85, Exton-square, William Cunard, second son of the late Sir Samuel Cunard, Bart., aged 80 years.

DAVIDSON.—On the 11th inst., at Bechwood, Lynn, accidentally drowned, Nina Mary, elder daughter of J. H. Davidson, Mulhouse, Doubs, France, Maidon.

GILLIGAN.—On January 12, at Cleveford Cottage, Castle-street, Reading, George Geyer Gilligan, in the 95th year of his age.

KENNEDY.—On the 12th inst., at 78, Tyrrell-road, St. John's, S.E., Jean, widow of the late James Branch Kennedy, R.N., died at her 80th year.

LANGLEY.—On the 12th inst., from syncope, at 35, Chesterfield-terrace, Regent-square, N.W., Charles Alfred Rupert, son of the late Andrew Langley and Mrs. Langley, aged 19. R.I.P.

SMITH.—On the 12th inst., at the Chestnut, Chorley Wood, Herts, suddenly, the Rev. Hubert Smith, M.A., F.R.G.S., aged 58 years, second son of the late Rev. Samuel Smith, M.A., formerly Vicar of St. George's, Cambridge.

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